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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated March 21, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 21, 2006. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 22-68 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed herein.

Claim Objections

Claims 4, 25, and 64 stand objected to because of the following informalities.

Applicants have amended the claims for clarification in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

§ 112

Claims 62 and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended the claims for clarification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

§ 103

Claims 1, 4, 5, 22-29, 35, 37, 41, and 62-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Galloway, et al.* 6,857,487 in view of *Tesco Corporation*, WO 00/50730.

Applicants are submitting herewith a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim, thereby removing *Galloway* as prior art. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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